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Hon. Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

> ET Docket No. 00-258 Re:

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing on behalf of the National ITFS Association, the WEBNow Campaign and the Education Community of the United States in support of the August 1. 2001 letters submitted in this proceeding by the Catholic Television Network (CTN) and the Wireless Communications Association International (WCA). The CTN and WCA letters call on the Commission to promptly remove the 2500-2690 MHz band from consideration for possible reallocation for third generation mobile services. For all of the reasons stated by CTN and WCA, the National ITFS Association, WEBNow and the Education Community of the United States believe it is imperative that the Commission act quickly to remove the regulatory cloud that has for too long affected the 2500-2690 MHz band so that ITFS licensees can get on with the business of converting analog ITFS systems into fixed wireless broadband networks that are essential in the 21st century for the delivery of educational and training materials to the nation's students.

Respectfully,

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